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#### **SACRAMENTO UPDATE**

## **Executive Summary**

On August 11, 2016, the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees took action on over 500 measures to meet the legislative deadline to pass fiscal bills out of these committees. Bills that were held in the committees will not proceed this year. Measures which were approved by the committees must now pass a floor vote and proceed to the Governor by August 31, 2016.

This memorandum contains a report on the actions taken by the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees on the following measures:

- County-sponsored AB 2765 (Weber) related to resentencing under Proposition 47 of 2014, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- County-sponsored SB 1335 (Mitchell) related to reimbursement for Drug Medi-Cal and specialty mental health services, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- County-Advocacy Legislation. The committees took action on 21 County-advocacy measures related to: 1) permanent disability benefits; 2) the Right to Try Act; 3) local contracting the collection and transportation of solid waste; 4) criminal penalties for persons convicted of directing individuals into the sex trade; 5) the San Pedro Courthouse property; 6) authorizing a Jail Industry Authority; 7) the Lead-Acid Battery Recovery and Recycle Act; 8) the California Parks, Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2016; 9) aircraft tax assessment, Assembly Bill; 10) electronic access to vital records; 11) greenhouse gas emission limits; 12) all-mailed ballot elections with vote centers;

- 13) the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2016; 14) oversight and regulation of natural gas storage wells; 15) single subject teaching credentials in dance and theater; 16) creating a Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission; 17) Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans; 18) expansion of 2-1-1 informational and referral services; 19) creating an employment social enterprise preference for State contracts; 20) aircraft tax assessment, Senate Bill; and 21) a strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants.
- Legislation of County Interest. The committees took action on five measures of significant County interest related to the: 1) truancy prevention program funded by Proposition 47, Assembly Bill; 2) truancy prevention program funded by Proposition 47, Senate Bill; 3) use of room confinement in juvenile facilities; 4) possession of "date rape drugs"; and 5) victim services program funded by Proposition 47.

Below is a report on specific actions taken by the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees on County-sponsored bills, County-advocacy measures, and legislation of significant interest to the County.

## Appropriations Committees Actions on County-Sponsored Legislation

**County-sponsored AB 2765 (Weber),** which as amended on May 19, 2016, would extend the time period for individuals to petition for resentencing of specified felonies to misdemeanors pursuant to Proposition 47 of 2014 by five years, from November 4, 2017 to November 4, 2022, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 5 to 1.

**County-sponsored SB 1335 (Mitchell),** which as amended on August 1, 2016, would authorize federally qualified health centers to elect to have Drug Medi-Cal and specialty mental health services reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 20 to 0.

#### Appropriations Committees Actions on County-Advocacy Legislation

**County-supported AB 1643 (Gonzalez),** which as amended on March 16, 2016, would prohibit the use of certain gender-related characteristics in the calculation of permanent disability benefits, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 5 to 2.

**County-supported AB 1668 (Calderon),** which as amended on March 7, 2016, would establish the Right to Try Act to permit a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product or device to make the product available to eligible patients with a serious or immediately life-threatening disease, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0.

**County-opposed AB 1669 (Hernandez),** which as amended on June 27, 2016, would require local agencies procuring an exclusive contract for the collection and transportation of solid waste to give a 10 percent bidding preference to contractors and subcontractors who submit bids and who agree to retain employees of the previous contract for at least 90 days, passed the Senate Appropriations by a vote of 5 to 2.

County-supported AB 1771 (O'Donnell), which as amended on May 19, 2016, would: 1) increase the maximum penalty of imprisonment from six months to one year in a county jail for persons convicted of directing and/or recruiting individuals into the sex trade; and 2) allow a juvenile court to dismiss charges against a minor who is alleged to have supervised or aided individuals in the sex trade if done so under coercion or duress, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0, with amendments which are not yet in print.

**County-supported AB 1900 (Jones-Sawyer),** which as amended on March 31, 2016, would declare the San Pedro Courthouse property available for disposal and sale by the State, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0, with amendments which are not yet in print.

**County-supported AB 2012 (Bigelow),** which as amended on June 28, 2016, would allow specified counties, including Los Angeles County, to authorize by ordinance or resolution, the sheriff to create a Jail Industry Authority, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0.

**County-supported AB 2153 (Garcia),** which as amended on August 1, 2016, would establish the Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Act of 2016 to: 1) impose a \$1 fee on the purchase and manufacturing of lead-acid batteries effective April 1, 2017; and 2) establish a State fund in which all fees are deposited and may be used to repay the \$176.6 million State loan for cleanup of properties contaminated by Exide Technologies, as well as other lead contamination sites, among other provisions.

AB 2153 was amended on August 9, 2016 to remove provisions to: 1) establish a maximum or minimum amount of fees in the State fund; 2) terminate the manufacturer's obligation to pay the manufacturer fee when the State is taking legal action against or investigating the manufacturer; and 3) preempt the State from recovering costs from manufacturers associated with lead investigation, assessment, and remediation.

AB 2153 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 5 to 2.

County-supported AB 2444 (Garcia), which as amended on August 1, 2016, would place the California Parks, Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2016 on the November 8, 2016 statewide ballot and, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of State general obligation bonds in an unspecified amount to

finance parks, water, climate, and coastal protection and outdoor access for all programs, passed the Senate Appropriations by a vote of 5 to 2, with amendments to reduce the bond amount to \$2.0 billion.

County-supported AB 2622 (Nazarian), which as amended on August 2, 2016, would: 1) extend to December 31, 2019, the current commercial aircraft property tax assessment methodology, tax filing process, and temporary tax cut; 2) codify procedures to streamline tax filing procedures for air carriers; and 3) modify the representative period used to calculate the property tax assessment, passed the Senate Appropriations by a vote of 7 to 0.

County-supported AB 2636 (Linder and Dababneh), which as amended on August 2, 2016, would allow local governments to offer consumers the option to request copies of their vital records via a secure electronic identification process, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of vote of 7 to 0, with amendments which are not yet in print.

**County-supported SB 32 (Pavley),** which as amended on June 30, 2016, would require the California Air Resources Board to approve statewide greenhouse gas emission limits equivalent to 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030, passed the Assembly Appropriations by a vote of 13 to 6.

County-supported SB 450 (Allen), which as amended on June 21, 2016, would provide all counties the option to conduct an all-mailed ballot election with vote centers, if certain conditions are satisfied, and permit Los Angeles County to: 1) conduct an election utilizing vote centers beginning January 1, 2020; and 2) delay the County's transition to an all-mailed ballot election with vote centers until four years after the County conducts its first vote center election, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 13 to 6, with amendments which are not yet in print.

County-supported SB 879 (Beall), which as amended on June 16, 2016, would establish the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2016, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of \$3.0 billion in general obligation bonds, upon approval by voters at the November 8, 2016 statewide general election; and would utilize the funds to finance various existing State housing programs, as well as infill infrastructure financing and affordable housing matching grant programs, passed the Assembly Appropriations by a vote of 13 to 6, with amendments to place the bond measure on the November 2018 ballot.

County-supported SB 887 (Pavley), which as amended on June 30, 2016, would: 1) provide a comprehensive framework for the reform of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources' oversight and regulation of natural gas storage wells; and 2) require

evaluation, testing, and installation of specified technology and practices for operating natural gas storage wells, passed the Assembly Appropriations by a vote of 5 to 0, with amendments which are not yet in print.

**County-supported SB 916 (Allen),** which as amended on April 27, 2016, would require the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue single subject teaching credentials in dance and theater, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 20 to 0.

**County-opposed SB 958 (Lara and Hall),** which as amended on June 21, 2016, would establish a Citizens Redistricting Commission in Los Angeles to adjust the boundaries of the County's supervisorial districts after each decennial U.S. Census, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 13 to 6.

County-opposed SB 1170 (Wiekowski), which as amended on August 1, 2016, would prohibit a public entity, charter city, or charter county from: 1) delegating to a contractor the development of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) used to prevent or reduce water pollution or runoff on a public works contract; or 2) requiring a contractor on a public works contract, that includes compliance with a SWPPP, to assume responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of a plan developed by that entity, was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and it will not proceed this year.

County-supported SB 1212 (Hueso), which as amended on June 20, 2016, would allow funding allocated to the California Public Utilities Commission to be used to facilitate the expansion of 2-1-1 informational and referral services through a uniform database, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 15 to 0.

**County-supported SB 1219 (Hancock),** which as amended on August 2, 2016, would grant an employment social enterprise the preference and status that is currently provided to microbusinesses under State law, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 20 to 0, with amendments which are not yet in print.

**County-opposed-unless-amended SB 1329 (Hertzberg),** which as amended on May 31, 2016, would: 1) extend to December 31, 2017, the current commercial aircraft property tax assessment methodology, tax filing process, and temporary tax cut; and 2) remove the trial de novo provision that was initially proposed, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 15 to 0.

County-supported SB 1383 (Lara), which as amended on April 12, 2016, would require the California Air Resources Board to: 1) approve and begin implementing a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants to achieve a reduction in methane by 40 percent, hydroflurocarbon gases by 40 percent, and anthropogenic black carbon by 50 percent below 2013 levels by 2030; 2) coordinate with

other State and local agencies and districts to develop measures prior to approving the strategy; 3) evaluate the best-available scientific, technological, and economic information to ensure the strategy is cost-effective and technologically feasible; and 4) incorporate and prioritize measures and actions that provide job growth, local economic benefits, public health benefits, and potential for new innovation in technology, energy, and resources management practices, passed the Assembly Appropriations by a vote of 13 to 6, with amendments which are not yet in print.

# **Appropriations Committees Actions on Legislation of County Interest**

**AB 1014 (Thurmond),** which as amended on June 23, 2016, would specify the process and standards by which the State would solicit proposals and award grants for the truancy prevention program funded by Proposition 47 of 2014, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 6 to 0.

**SB 527 (Liu),** which as amended on June 6, 2016, would specify the process and standards by which the State would solicit proposals and award grants for the truancy prevention program funded by Proposition 47 of 2014, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 5 to 0.

**SB 1143 (Leno),** which as amended on May 31, 2016, would establish statutory guidelines for the use of room confinement in State and local juvenile facilities, restricting its use only in limited circumstances and under specified use and monitoring protocols, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 20 to 0.

**SB 1182 (Galgiani),** which as introduced on February 18, 2016, would make it a felony to possess certain drugs known as "date rape drugs" with the intent to commit sexual assault, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 20 to 0.

**SB 1404 (Leno),** which as amended on August 1, 2016, would specify the standards by which the State would award grants for the victim services program funded by Proposition 47 of 2014, was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and it will not proceed this year.

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